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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE, CZ

SUBJECT: HONECKER VISIT TO PRAGUE

1. AT NATO AMBASSADORS' LUNCH FEB 4 THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF HONECKER VISIT TO PRAGUE JAN 22-23.

2. FRG AMBASSADOR RITZEL, ASKED TO COMMENT ON VISIT, SAID HE KNEW LITTLE, BUT BELIEVED TWO MAIN SUBJECTS WERE (A) IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS AND (B) BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS. (HE HAD NO EXPLANATION FOR FACT THAT THIS WAS THIRD HONECKER VISIT TO PRAGUE WITHOUT ANY HUSAK VISIT TO BERLIN.) HE ASSUMED THAT IN FIELD OF IDEOLOGY THERE WAS MATERIAL FOR DISCUSSION IN WARSAW MEETING OF PARTY SECRETARIES AND PERHAPS ALSO IN EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE CONTEXT. HE BELIEVED MAIN TOPICS THAT NEEDED IRORNING OUT WERE ECONOMIC, HOWEVER, AND IT WAS NOTEWORTHY THAT BILATERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENT FOR 1976 WAS NOT ABLE TO BE SIGNED UNTIL JUST AFTER HONECKER VISIT. RITZEL SAID THERE WERE MANY LARGE QUESTIONS STILL PENDING AS EE COUNTRIES TRIED TO WORK OUT THEIR PLANS FOR 1976 (AND BEYOND),  
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AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT USSR, CSSR AND GDR WERE

THE THREE WHICH WERE MOST IN AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED.

3. DANISH AMB MELLBIN SAID HE HAD IT FROM EE  
SOURCE (HE TOLD CHARGE PRIVATELY IT WAS POLISH  
AMBASSADOR, PROTECT BOTH) THAT HONECKER VISIT  
WAS IN FACT ALMOST TOTALLY TO COVER ECONOMIC QUES-  
TIONS, AND THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE IDEOLOGICAL  
DISCUSSION WERE MERELY WINDOW DRESSING FOR IMPOR-  
TANT ECONOMIC TALKS.  
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